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1. PRESS, NOV 15, REPORTS THAT PMAC CHAIRMAN BG TEFERI BANTE HAS SENT

ETHIOPIAN AMB TO KENYA AND UGANDA MENGHISTE DESTA (FORMER HEAD
MOFA'S AFRICAN MIDEAST DEPT WHO ALSO REPRESENTED EPMG AT RECENT
OAU JOINT DEFENSE COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF 9 ANGOLA MEDIATION CONFERENCE)

BACK TO KAMPALA. MENGHISTE CARRYING MESSAGE TO AMIN "EMPHASIZING
EPMG'S CONCERN" OVER TREND OF EVENTS IN ANGOLA AND URGING UPON OAU
PRESIDENT "THE ADVISABILITY OF CONVENING EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS (CM) OF THE OAU."

2. ACTING HEAD OF MOFA'S AFRICAN/MIDEAST DEPT ASSEFA LEGESSE,
CONFIRMS FOREGOING. IN RESPONSE OUR QUESTIONS HE SAID THAT EPMG HAD
FAVORED (NOW WITHDRAWN--CF REFTEL) TANZANIAN INITIATIVE TO
CONVENE OUA CM AS VERSUS SOMALIA'S PROPOSAL FOR OAU SUMMIT. IT
CONTINUES TO BELIEVE CM WOULD BE USEFUL. SUMMIT, IN EPMG'S VIEW,
WOULD BE HARD TO CONVENE IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES: "WE MIGHT NOT
MAKE THE QUORUM". MOREOVER, CONVENING SUMMIT RISKS SUB-
STITUTION FOR CHIEFS RIVAL MPLA AND FNLA/UNITA ANGOLAN GOVTS,
WHO UNLIKELY TO ATTEND, OF STAND-INS WITH LIMITED POWERS.
COMMENT: FROM ADDIS VANTAGE POINT, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT EPMG
INITIATIVE WILL GARNER CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR REASONS SET
FORTH REFTEL.
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